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THIRD MEXICAN NATIONAL LIVING IN KC PLEADS GUILTY TO COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national living in Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty in federal court today to conspiring to distribute cocaine.

Ricardo Macias, 31, a Mexican national living in Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert E. Larsen this morning to the charge contained in a June 21, 2005, federal superseding indictment. The superseding indictment replaced an original indictment by adding him as a fourth co-defendant.

By pleading guilty, **Macias** admitted that he conspired with others to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine between March 1, 2004, and March 4, 2005.

Two other co-defendants also pleaded guilty to their role in the conspiracy.

On June 20, 2005, **Jose M. Macias**, 33, a Mexican national living in Kansas City, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine between March 1, 2004, and March 4, 2005. **Jose Macias** pleaded guilty to the charge contained in the original indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on March 4, 2005.

On June 28, 2005, **Angelica Macias**, 30, a Mexican national living in Kansas City, pleaded guilty to distributing cocaine on June 1, 2004. **Angelica Macias** pleaded guilty to the charge, which was contained in the superseding indictment.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Ricardo Macias** and **Jose Macias** may be subject to mandatory minimum sentences of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus fines up to \$2 million. **Angelica Macias** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up

to \$1 million.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. The case was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

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